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For: X-RAY COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT) SYSTEM FOR DETECTING

THIN OBJECTS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 BOX AF

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 1996, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7, 12-18, 20, 22 and 23, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the claims as follows:

Claim 8, line 4, delete "determining" and insert --determine--.

Claim 9, line 1, after "8" insert --,--.

Claim 19, line 1, after "explosive" insert --,--; line 15, delete "and".

 ψ_{21} . (Amended) A method as set forth in claim $\underline{\mathscr{E}}$ [1], wherein in step (b) [said contiguity evaluation process] differences between a density [property] of [said] \underline{a} given voxel and [a property] densities of voxels in [said] planes above and